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NEWS IN KENTUCKY.

REPUBLICAN LEADERS.

They Are Expected Over the Action of the Democrats in the House Wednesday.

Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 4.—The Republican leaders are expected over the action of the Democrats in the House Wednesday refusing to vote the appointment of committees to be appointed of two members from each party to inspect the boxes and assist the clerks in preparing the ballots from which the contested counties are to be drawn. This matter was made the cause of holding a caucus of the Republican members and leaders Wednesday night at which it was determined to insist Thursday on the appointment of the committees and to take other steps to protect rights when they suspicion might be encroached upon.

There is a question as to whether the Republican contest committee should be selected on Friday, Tuesday, or Wednesday, or Thursday, or Friday. The committee which is selected in the Senate, which the law means that the committee shall be drawn the third day of the session, which will be Thursday, while Speaker Trimble, of the house, and democratic leaders generally construe it to mean the third day after organization, or Friday. The committee which is selected in like manner to try the election involving the seats of house members will at any rate be drawn Thursday.

WILLIAM J. BRYAN.

He Will Be in Frankfort to Witness the Election of Blackburn to the Senate.

Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 4.—Senator Blackburn has received a letter from William J. Bryan stating that he will be here on January 16 to witness Mr. Blackburn's election to the United States Senate. He will be invited by the legislature to make a speech before the joint session that will elect Mr. Blackburn, and in this speech he is said to will touch upon the pending contests for state offices. Mr. Bryan will remain two days and on the night of the 16th the democratic members of the general assembly will probably give him a banquet.

Bradley for Senator.

Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 4.—Ex-Gov. W. O. Bradley will be the republican nominee for senator. Congressman Vincent Horeing had made a quiet canvass for the nomination, but Bradley is the choice of a sufficient number of republican members to make his nomination practically certain now that the republican anti-Goebel coalition on Wat Harlin has failed. He is being supported by both Gov. Taylor and Senator Beke.

The Time Lock Held It.

Louisville, Ky., Jan. 4.—H. V. Lowing, president Louisville Trust company, and Vantkeeper James Speed, at Frankfort Wednesday morning, in answer to subpoena, did not take box 559 with them, as ordered. It is under time lock, and could not be opened until after train time. Detectives are guarding it.

The Whittier Beilby Case.

Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 4.—Senator Harrell, President Loving and Vault keeper Speed were among the witnesses who gave testimony before the grand jury Wednesday afternoon concerning the Harrell attempted bribery. It is generally believed an indictment will be found.

Murder and Suicide.

Adairville, Ky., Jan. 4.—In an altercation which occurred in Dr. Gays office Wednesday morning Mr. M. T. Gays shot and killed Dr. O. Griffith, then turned and shot himself through the heart. Both died instantly. They were prominent in social and commercial circles.

Shooting Alleged.

Louisville, Ky., Jan. 4.—A shortage of several hundred dollars is said to exist in the accounts of George Harlin, treasurer of Powell Lodge of Woodmen of the World. He has left the city and the lodge is preparing to sue his bondsmen.

Horse Proved Fatal.

Richmond, Ky., Jan. 4.—The 9-year old daughter of Samuel Ballard was burned to death, her clothing catching fire from a grate while her parents were away from home. She lived about four hours.

Wentley Man Goes Insane.

Petersburg, Ky., Jan. 4.—Col. Columbus Kirtley, one of the wealthiest of Boone county's citizens, was found of sound mind and sent to the Leland asylum.

Grouping Gas Oil Lamps.

Greensburg, Ky., Jan. 4.—The town for several nights has been in darkness on account of the electric power house boiler leaking. Merchants had to resort to lamp-light.

Unconscious From a Fall.

Lawrenceburg, Ky., Jan. 4.—Dr. Oren H. Witherspoon was seriously hurt by a fall Tuesday night, and has since been unconscious. There are no hopes of his recovery.

To Remove a Sewer.

Valley View, Ky., Jan. 4.—Smith-Bryson company will move their saw mill plant from near Ky. to Millon on the Louisville & Atlantic railroad.

Carnegie's Offer Accepted.

Davenport, Ia., Jan. 4.—The Davenport city council Wednesday night accepted the offer of Andrew Carnegie to give this city a free public library, at a cost of \$50,000, the city to secure a site and provide for the maintenance of the institution at an annual expenditure of \$5,000.

SHORT SPECIALS.

William Waldorf Astor has contributed £1,000 to the Prince of Wales hospital fund.

Suit was filed in the district court of Dallas, Tex., Wednesday for ownership of the land upon which Oak Cliff, a suburb of Dallas, with 3,000 inhabitants, is located.

The secretary of the interior has sent to congress an estimate of \$10,105 for the expense, surveys, etc., of the commission to the five civilized tribes, known as the Dawes commission.

Capt. J. McC. Becker, for many years a commander of vessels of the Morgan line, from New Orleans to New York, Gulf and Cuban ports, and more recently a member of the board of United States inspectors of steam vessels, died Wednesday, aged 62 years.

At Los Angeles, Cal., Public Administrator Kellogg Wednesday announced that he would not turn over the \$10,000 held by him on the Wolfsohn life insurance policy paid by the New York Life Insurance Co. until the courts decide that he must do so.

Albert B. Hilton, son of the late Judge Henry Hilton, applied in the United States district court Wednesday to be freed of his duties. His application was opposed by two creditors, who were given ten days in which to file specifications.

The president Wednesday nominated Archibald W. Hart, of Georgia, to be assistant quartermaster, with rank of captain, in the volunteer army. Mr. Hart is the Washington correspondent of the Atlanta Journal, Louisville Banner and Louisville Evening Post.

Robert Breck Brigham, proprietor of Brigham's hotel and restaurant on Washington street, Boston, is dead, aged 73 years. For 40 years he had been the proprietor of the place made famous by his name. His Boston holdings were estimated to be worth \$200,000 to \$300,000.

Charles E. Kiplinger, of Charlotte, N.C., has been notified by the secretary of war of his appointment as foreman of the undertakers who are to transfer the remains of American soldiers from Cuban battlefields to this country. Kiplinger has gone to Havana to assume his duties.

Alba M. Kent, Jr., of Jamestown, N.Y., who was recently arrested in Japan and extradited, charged with forging notes and obtaining \$10,000, thereby, Wednesday pleaded guilty to two indictments for forgery and was sentenced to imprisonment with hard labor for three years and two months.

The state department has received notice of the death at Naples, where he had been ill for a long time, of A. C. Studer, United States consul at Sorrento. Mr. Studer has been in the consular service for many years, once filling the post at Singapore. He was appointed consul at Sorrento March 15, 1899.

Joseph H. Choate, the United States ambassador, and Mrs. Choate, accompanied by the bishop of London, Right Rev. Mendell Creighton, and Lord George Hamilton, secretary of state for India, opened the free library at Aton, donated by John Passmore Edwards, a well known publisher and a founder of many libraries and institutions, Wednesday.

WEDNESDAY'S NEWS IN BRIEF.

Senator Foraker introduced a bill in the senate for the better government of the island of Porto Rico.

Representative McLean introduced a joint resolution asking the United States to declare its intention of establishing a free government in the Philippines.

Commander James W. Carlin died on board the Culgoza from an attack of peritonitis. Capt. Ingate, of the marine corps, at Guam, is also dead, following a surgical operation.

A native of Manila has been found with all the symptoms of bubonic plague in a house where two suspicious deaths have occurred. Great precautions have been taken to prevent the spread of the disease.

Steamer for Round.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Jan. 4.—The steamer Olive King is lee bound in the Tennessee river near the mouth of Little river, and is in a dangerous position. On board the boat are 23 sports from Knoxville, Loudon, Kingston and Chattanooga, who were on their way into Little river to have a big cocking match. The supplies have been exhausted and a party left for Loudon Wednesday to get them relief. The boat is in the center of a big lee gorge.

Six Hundred Lives Lost.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 4.—The latest reports from Aclakia, in the government of Tiflis, show that 600 lives were lost during the earthquakes which visited that district on Monday.

THE MARKETS.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 4. Flour—Spring patent, \$3.00; winter, \$2.75; extra, \$2.50; superfine, \$2.25; common, \$2.00; rough, \$1.75. Corn—Fair to good, \$1.00; extra, \$1.10; superfine, \$1.20; common, \$1.30; rough, \$1.40. Wheat—Fair to good, \$1.00; extra, \$1.10; superfine, \$1.20; common, \$1.30; rough, \$1.40.

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THE BUYERS' GUIDE.

Down :: They Go!

DOWN THEY GO HARD. ::

We have a few Christmas goods left. These goods must go to make room for our spring stock, which is arriving daily. We positively have no room to carry these fancy articles; they must go!

They Must Go at Once!

We have contracted for an immense spring stock. Every available inch of floor space will be required to exhibit same.

We Must Sell Our

TABOURETTES, ROMAN CHAIRS, PEDESTALS, CHINA CLOSETS, BUFFETS, DESKS, MUSIC CABINETS, BOOKCASES, FANCY STANDS, FANCY LEATHER CHAIRS.

In order to make them go at once we give 15 per cent. off of our lowest net cash price. This will make quite a bargain for you; it is less than we paid for the goods. But they must go!

15 Per Cent. Discount!

Will Move Them Quickly, So Come Right Now!

And make your selection. Don't delay; delays are dangerous. Never in your life before have you had a chance to buy Furniture below factory price and possibly you never will again. Come quick. Affordable salesmen will take great pleasure in showing you our immense stock. We solicit a visit from you!

Faithfully yours,

JOHN WINTER, THE PRICE FIGHTER!

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## SHORT SESSIONS. THE COMMISSION.

The Sitting in the House of Representatives Lasted But Fifteen Minutes.

A FLURRY CREATED BY MR. SULZER.

A Large Number of Important Measures Were Introduced in the Senate During the Session.

The Foundation for Proceeding With the Financial Bill—The Debate Begins on the Measure on Thursday.

Washington, Jan. 4.—The senate evinced a disposition Wednesday to take up the work of the session in earnest, and while the sitting was only a little more than an hour's duration, a large number of important bills were introduced, and a definite foundation laid for proceeding with the financial bill, by fixing the hour for beginning debate on this measure for 2 o'clock Thursday. The most notable event of the day was a protest entered by Mr. Hoar, of Massachusetts, to the summary disposition of resolutions asking for information about the conduct of the Philippine war. He indicated a purpose to demand consideration for such measures, even at the expense of the financial bill. The fifth instant was named as the day for the delivery of eulogies in memory of the late Vice President Hobart.

Among the most important bills introduced in the senate were: Regulating appointments to civil offices in the outlying dependencies. It provides for appointments of such places regardless of political affiliations and without sectional favoritism, and for removal only upon written charges. No examination is required for appointment; to amend the Chinese exclusion laws so as to commit their administration to the bureau of immigration; authorizing investigation of the economic relations of the United States with China and the Orient generally by a commission; the establishment of a department of commerce and industries; regulating the manufacture of filled cheese and oleomargarine and the adulteration of foods; also for a pension of \$50 per month to the widow of Col. Stotsenburg, of the Nebraska regiment, who was killed in the Philippines; providing a fund for the pensioning of members of the life saving and revenue cutter service; constitutional amendment authorizing an income tax.

The house was in session only 15 minutes Wednesday and during that time had a little flurry over an attempt by Mr. Sulzer, of New York, to secure consideration for a resolution asking information concerning the relations of the treasury department with the National City bank of New York.

The following bills and resolutions were introduced: A resolution providing that "no new state, the territory of which is not contiguous to the United States, shall be admitted by the congress into the union;" constitutional amendment authorizing an income tax; joint resolution proposing the return to the United States of non-combatants, flags and banners captured during the Mexican war, "with appropriate expression of friendship and good will;" joint resolution committing the following amendment to the constitution: "Congress shall have power to define taxes and to regulate control over foreign commerce within any state, territory, district or any other place subject to its jurisdiction;" relating to navigation, including bills extending the commerce and navigation to Hawaii and to Porto Rico; giving to Cuban vessels favorable treatment in American ports; allowing foreigners to sue in the United States circuit courts for indemnities heretofore claimed through the state department and punishing in the federal courts the violation of treaty protection given to foreigners; reducing the duty on paper used in printing newspapers; to repeal the stamp tax; to provide for interest on government deposits; appropriating \$500,000 to the representatives of James R. Bach for the maintenance for 20 years of the channel in the South pass, Mississippi river.

Two suicides at Joliet, Ill. Joliet, Ill., Jan. 4.—John H. Kruse, an aged German, a veteran of the Franco-Prussian war, hanged himself Wednesday on account of ill health. Prior to C. Lord, a retired physician, 65 years old, took poison in the St. Nicholas hotel. He left a note saying he was tired of his lonely life.

Boutelle's Condition Better. Bangor, Me., Jan. 4.—A private letter from the attending physician at McLean asylum, Waverly, Mass., says: "I am very glad to be able to tell you that Congressman Boutelle has made some further progress since I wrote you on Friday last."

Minnesota Bank Fails. Wabasha, Minn., Jan. 4.—The Peoples bank of this place, closed its doors Wednesday morning, and the assets are in the hands of the bank examiner. Depositors, it is claimed, will lose nothing. No statement of assets and liabilities has been given.

Man and Wife Asphyxiated. Elmhurst, N. Y., Jan. 4.—Mr. and Mrs. S. Southwell were found dead in their home in Austin, Pa., Wednesday, having been asphyxiated by a gas, which they used for heat and illuminating purposes.

They Will Determine the Most Practicable Canal Route Across the Isthmus.

WILL SAIL FROM NEW YORK SATURDAY

They Are to Make a Full Examination of the Feasibility of the Nicaraguan Canal Route.

The Members of the Commission Will Probably Be Kept at the Isthmus for More Than Three Months.

New York, Jan. 4.—The commission appointed by President McKinley, under an act of congress, to determine the most feasible and practicable route for a canal across the Isthmus of Panama, will sail on Saturday for the scene of its labors by a steamer of the Atlas line. The members of the commission are: Mr. Adm. Walker, U. S. N. (retired), chairman; Prof. Emory E. Johnson, of the University of Pennsylvania; Prof. W. H. Burr, of Columbia university; George S. Morrison, civil engineer, New York; ex-United States Senator Pasco, of Florida; Alfred Noble, civil engineer, Chicago; Gen. Peter Baines, U. S. A.; Prof. L. M. Haupt, University of Pennsylvania; Gen. O. H. Ernst, U. S. A. member of the commission sailed Wednesday. The duty of the commission is not to decide between the claims of the Panama canal and the Nicaragua canal—though it may come to that—but to determine "the most feasible and practicable route" wherever that may be. Whether there is a possibility of such a route of those which have become so well known, we shall do out utmost to discover.

The commission is absolutely without bias. It is uncompromised, open-minded, judicial. "We shall sail directly to Greytown whence we shall proceed to make a full examination of the Nicaragua canal route. Upon reaching the Pacific side we shall go down the coast to Panama, and follow the route of the French canal back to the Atlantic side. Alternative routes will then be considered and their investigation undertaken. We shall be kept at the Isthmus for probably three months. We shall, of course, avail ourselves of all the best existing means of travel, but expect that the score of the journey will have to be accomplished on foot."

RESOLUTE SINKS.

She Was in Collision With a Steel Ocean Tug in Boston Harbor—One Life Was Lost.

Boston, Jan. 4.—The United States quinquennial tug Resolute, Capt. George Loring, was sunk in the harbor early Wednesday night in a collision with the steel ocean tug Rawhide, of the New York and New England coast line. The tug Resolute was on her way to the Isthmus for probably three months. We shall, of course, avail ourselves of all the best existing means of travel, but expect that the score of the journey will have to be accomplished on foot."

Masses Will Not Be Chairman. Cleveland, O., Jan. 4.—Senator Hanna declared Wednesday that although he had been urged to stand for the permanent chairmanship of the next republican national convention, he would not do so. "There are other men," he said, "who are more ambitious than I and who value that honor more than I will give it up to them." He also declared that he will not be one of the delegates at large from Ohio in the convention.

Territorial Government for Hawaii. Washington, Jan. 4.—The senate committee on foreign relations Wednesday considered a number of pending questions. The bill of Senator Cullum, providing a territorial government for Hawaii was discussed, but the sub-committee which has the subject under consideration not being ready to report, it was announced that another meeting would be held soon, when the bill would be reported to the full committee.

American Naval Officers Honored. Washington, Jan. 4.—The Venezuela government has conferred the order of the "Bust of Bolivar" on Adm. Sampson, Capt. Taylor, Cook, Sigbee, and the commanders of the United States navy, and Representative Hitt has introduced a bill authorizing the acceptance of the decorations.

For Battered Widows and Orphans. Grand Rapids, Mich., Jan. 4.—Grand Rapids, vice consul to the Netherlands, Wednesday forwarded to Holland a draft for 9,000 guilders, Grand Rapids' Hoflanders' latest contribution for the widows and orphans of Boers killed in South Africa. The sum amounts to \$3,705, American money.

Second Canadian Contingent. Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 4.—It is stated by the militia department that the transports Laurentia and the Montserrat, carrying the second Canadian contingent to South Africa, will sail from Halifax on the 18th inst. and the Pomeranian on the 20th.

Melanior for Senator. Jackson, Miss., Jan. 4.—The democratic caucus here unanimously elected ex-Gov. A. J. Melanior for the next United States senatorship.

Eight Additional Regiments Have Been Called Out For Service By Great Britain.

SEVEN OF THEM TO SERVE IN IRELAND

The Reported Attack On Molteno Is Not Yet Confirmed at the British Office of War.

Since Gen. Joubert's Return to the Front Commanders Are Said to Be More Lively Than Usual.

London, Jan. 4.—There is a complete absence of anything new from the report of the Boer attack on Molteno is not yet confirmed. Apparently Gen. French has nothing to say in five miles of Colaba. His request for reinforcements dispels any present hope that he will be able to seize one of the crossings of the Orange river. It is probable that when Lord Roberts arrives Gen. French will be ordered to quit his present unassured position and to concentrate his command at De Aar or Orange River. As the Daily Telegraph says, Gen. French "seems to be in the position of a man who has been in a trap and unable to kill it for want of a stick."

A dispatch from Dover Farm announces that Lieut. Col. Picher has returned there safely from Douglas. Since Commandant Gen. Joubert's return to the front the command of the British by the Boers has been much less. Between December 18 and 29 four shells killed one officer and 13 men and wounded 13 officers and 11 men.

The war office acknowledges the inferiority of the regular artillery by authorizing the equipment of the new battery attached to London vol. uniter corps with Vickers and Maxim, some of which the Boers use, and by ordering 100 of these 12½-pounder quick firing guns built immediately. The officers and men of the new battery will be supplied from the honorably artillery company.

Eight additional militia regiments have been called out. Seven of these will serve in Ireland, replacing the regulars of South Africa. Hon. Sidney Bolett, the secretary to the Prince of Wales, has obtained the prince's permission to go to the front.

Recently he has been acting as Lord Salisbury's secretary instead of Schomburg McDonnell, who has gone to South Africa. Among the announcements of those who volunteered Tuesday appear the names of a hundred or more sons of gentlemen.

The papers comment upon the fact that in view of the state of public opinion, it is much easier to go to war than to stay at the front, which wear a particularly deserted aspect.

All parts of England Scotland report lively volunteering, a lending feature being the great number of private subscriptions for volunteer equipment. Some of the counties have given sums as high as £30,000. It is computed that the province has already raised nearly £600,000, while London is raising £100,000 for the city troops.

Sterling, Jan. 3.—Gen. Gatacre today met the invading forces at Cyphergat, near the British advance camp at Bushmansnek. The Boers retired hurriedly shortly after the British artillery opened fire. The enemy occupied Molteno and Cyphergat, but the latter place is now reconquered by us.

Free Camp, Jan. 3.—Capt. Thorneycroft's patrol found the enemy in some force at the little Tugela bridge. Their presence was discovered by scouts. It is reported that five men and a lieutenant of the party have not returned.

Ice Bridge in the Niagara. Niagara Falls, N. Y., Jan. 4.—An ice bridge has formed in the gorge of the Niagara river. This is earlier than usual and is due to the sudden and extreme cold following high temperatures. The bridge is formed by the clogging in the throat in the gorge below the falls of the masses of ice coming down from Lake Erie, which then congeal into a solid mass, often times a hundred feet and more in thickness.

The Harvest Stars in Jamaica. Kingston, Jamaica, Jan. 4.—The effects of the recent storms on exports are now manifesting themselves, and the apprehensions of the colony in this respect are confirmed. Three local fruit companies have practically collapsed, and the fruit industry already abandoned by the United Fruit Co. has reached its lowest ebb. The United Fruit Co. is dispatching only two fruit steamers this week.

Engineer Killed. Des Moines, Ia., Jan. 4.—David Wright, an engineer of the Chicago & Northwestern road, stood in the gangway of his locomotive as it entered a curve near Bertram and killed, and as the engine swayed he was thrown to the ground and killed. Engineer J. F. Pike, who fell similarly from an engine at Mendonville, a few days ago, died Wednesday.

The Harford Fronted. Vallejo, Cal., Jan. 4.—Commander Farragut's flag ship, the Harford, struck Wednesday out of dry dock. The ship has been in the yard for three months undergoing repairs. She is now said to be in prime condition.

## SHORT SPECIALS.

Tuesday's statement of the condition of the treasury shows: Available cash balance, \$283,885,453; gold reserve, \$76,909,930.

The stockholders of the National City bank, New York, met Tuesday and ratified the proposition of the directors to increase the capital stock from \$100,000 to \$100,000,000.

Representative James J. Myers, of Cambridge, was nominated for speaker of the Massachusetts house by the republican caucus Tuesday. The nomination is equivalent to election.

Richard Croker, of New York, who broke his leg Monday near Wantage, Eng., while mounting a horse, was reported Tuesday evening to be progressing favorably toward recovery.

At St. Louis the river is 1.5 below the gauge. The present stage of the Mississippi is the lowest ever known. Ice blockades have caused a suspension of navigation.

Chairman Hall, of the house committee on military affairs, says some measure of general character relating to the organization of the army probably will be presented at this session of congress.

The senate committee on foreign relations met Wednesday to consider the bill providing a government for the Hawaiian islands, pending Gen. (John), the author of the bill, and Tuesday that he hoped that it would be reported soon.

The board of naval construction have recommended that the steamship board, lately the Yumiri, shall be sold. The report of the inspectors shows that it will cost not less than \$250,000 to put the ship in condition for naval service.

The corps was opened Tuesday. The message from the throne declared the neutrality of Portugal's relations with the other powers, was flouted by the presence in the Tagns of fleets of France, Germany and Great Britain.

The Hansburg Correspondence announces that the German Junker Wagner, of Hamburg, was seized by the British at Delagoa bay on December 21, and that her owners have lodged a complaint with the British foreign office.

Mayor Flower Tuesday sent an order to Chief of Police Gaster to strictly enforce the ordinance prohibiting the operation of slot machines in New Orleans. Although the law has been promulgated the machines were still running Tuesday, hence the order of the mayor.

Eight hundred hogs were recently imported to Havana from the United States, but 600 died within three days. Maj. Davis says the animals died of cholera, and recommends that no more hogs be brought from the United States, as he considers that further importations would be dangerous to the health of Havana.

TUESDAY'S NEWS IN BRIEF. Water was let into the Chicago drainage canal at 9 a. m. The canal flows toward Lockport, where it falls into the Peoples river and thence through the Illinois and Mississippi rivers to the Gulf of Mexico.

A bill was passed in the Ohio senate raising the lieutenant governor's salary \$1,000, and the Kentucky house elected Trimble for speaker. Governor's messages were read at both points.

Secretary Hay announced at the cabinet meeting that the negotiations with the great powers of Europe and Japan to secure a common understanding for a continued "open door" policy throughout China had been eminently successful.

A naval officer just arrived at Manila from Guam announces that the military governor of the island has issued a proclamation decreeing the absolute prohibition and total abolition of slavery or peonage, the ordinance taking effect February 22.

Gas Well on Fire. Parkersburg, W. Va., Jan. 3.—The big gas well belonging to the Mountain State Gas Co. of this city, located in Ritchie county, accidentally caught fire Monday night and all efforts to extinguish the flames have been futile. Millions upon millions of feet of gas is going to waste and the financial loss will be enormous. The roar from the burning gas can be heard 12 miles and the fire illuminates the whole surrounding country.

Snailpox Camp Broken Up. San Francisco, Jan. 3.—A small pox camp, which was established at Angel island on the 15th of November when the 4th regiment went into quarantine there, was broken up Tuesday. Twenty-three men of the 4th infantry, who had been suffering from snailpox, were released from their long isolation.

## THE MARKETS.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 2. Flour—Spring fancy, \$3.00; winter, \$2.75; winter patent, \$2.50; winter, \$2.25; winter, \$2.00; winter, \$1.75; winter, \$1.50; winter, \$1.25; winter, \$1.00; winter, \$0.75; winter, \$0.50; winter, \$0.25; winter, \$0.00. Wheat—Spring, \$1.00; winter, \$0.75; winter, \$0.50; winter, \$0.25; winter, \$0.00. Corn—Spring, \$0.50; winter, \$0.25; winter, \$0.00. Oats—Spring, \$0.25; winter, \$0.00. Hay—Spring, \$0.50; winter, \$0.25; winter, \$0.00. Cattle—Fair to good, \$4.00; fair to good, \$3.50; fair to good, \$3.00; fair to good, \$2.50; fair to good, \$2.00; fair to good, \$1.50; fair to good, \$1.00; fair to good, \$0.50; fair to good, \$0.00. Hogs—Fair to good, \$4.00; fair to good, \$3.50; fair to good, \$3.00; fair to good, \$2.50; fair to good, \$2.00; fair to good, \$1.50; fair to good, \$1.00; fair to good, \$0.50; fair to good, \$0.00. Sheep—Fair to good, \$4.00; fair to good, \$3.50; fair to good, \$3.00; fair to good, \$2.50; fair to good, \$2.00; fair to good, \$1.50; fair to good, \$1.00; fair to good, \$0.50; fair to good, \$0.00.

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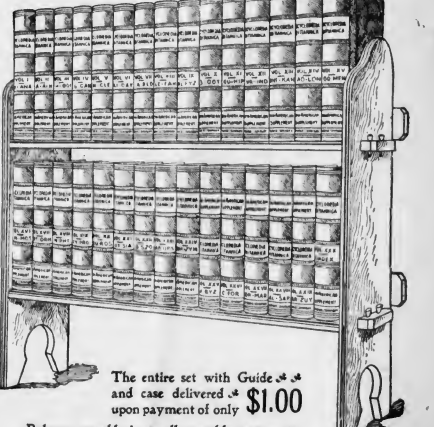
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